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1. NORWEGIANS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THEY ARE PLEASED U.S. WILL TAKE PART IN AIR POLLUTION CONFERENCE IN OSLO DECEMBER 3-5, ON ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATING TRANSMISSION OF AIR POLLUTION IN EUROPE.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INFORMATION ABOUT EPA DECISION ON TECHNICAL EXPERT PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE.

3. IN MAKING ITS DECISION EPA AND OTHER INTERESTED U.S. AGENCIES WILL BE CONSIDERING VIEWS OF EPA'S DR. DAVID SHEARER, WHO RECENTLY VISITED OSLO AND DISCUSSED CONFERENCE WITH NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS. THEY MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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A. PLANS ARE NOW FIRM TO HOLD THREE-DAY WORKING SESSION AS SCHEDULED.

B. POLES, HUNGARIANS, SWEDES, U.K., FRG AND OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS HAVE INDICATED DESIRE TO TAKE PART. NORWEGIANS ARE STILL HOPEFUL THAT SOVIETS, DDR, CZECHS WILL PARTICIPATE.

C. NORWEGIANS ARE STILL SOMEWHAT VAGUE ABOUT EXPECTATIONS FOR FINAL OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE. THEIR ORIGINAL OUTLINE PLAN WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED WITH INVITATIONS NEEDS GREATER SPECIFICITY, MILESTONES AND OBJECTIVES. THEY ARE HOPEFUL PARTICIPANTS CAN ADD TO THIS. BUT SPECIAL EFFORT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IF PLANS ARE TO BE DEVELOPED, NATIONAL PROGRAMS COORDINATED AND DATA INTERCALIBRATED OR OTHERWISE MADE COMPATIBLE.

4. STUDY COULD BE USEFUL TO EPA IN (A) LEARNING POLLUTANT SOURCES FROM EUROPE AND POSSIBLY USSR AND (B) PROVIDING INFORMATION ON LONG RANGE TRANSPORT AND EFFECTS, PARTICULARLY AS IT MAY RELATE TO EFFORTS IN U.S. TO SWITCH FROM FUEL OIL TO COAL, IN USE OF COOLING TOWERS, AND IN LEARNING ABOUT FORMATION AND EFFECTS OF ACID RAIN.

5. IF U.S. AGENCIES DECIDE NOT TO SEND EXPERT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE OBTAINING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT U.S. AGENCY VIEWS FOR USE AT CONFERENCE, SUCH AS:

A. EPA OR OTHER AGENCY INTEREST IN LONG RANGE TRANSMISSION PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY WHAT FUTURE ACTIVITIES THESE AGENCIES MIGHT WISH TO UNDERTAKE IN THE PROJECT OR ANY PARTICULAR INFORMATION WHICH THEY MIGHT DESIRE TO HELP THEM DECIDE ON NATURE AND EXTENT OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION;

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B. WHAT WORK ARE U.S. AGENCIES DOING OR PLANNING TO DO RELATING TO MONITORING AND EFFECTS OF LONG RANGE POLLUTANTS AND WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS EITHER EXISTING REPORTS OR RESEARCH OR POSSIBLE EXPERT TECHNICAL EXCHANGES THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT; AND

C. ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC APPROACHES WE WOULD

RECOMMEND TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ON HOW PROJECT
SHOULD PROCEED AND HOW DATA AND RESULTS MAY BE USEFULLY
INTERCALIBRATED OR MADE MORE COMPATIBLE.

6. IF EXPERT IS SENT, ASSUME HE WILL BE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS PERTINENT TO U.S.
INTEREST IN PROJECT.

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